Reply of Government.—There will be no objection to accede to the request if the Assembly generally is in favor of it.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Reduction of copying fees.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The copying fees in the Registration Department may be reduced to 1½ annas per 100 words, which is the rate in the Revenue Department.

Reply of Government.—The question was only recently disposed of and cannot be re-opened.

SUBJECT No. 79.

Acceptance of transfer of *pattas* by Sub-Registrars.

Mr. Thimmegowda, Nagamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sub-Registrars may be ordered to accept transfer of *pattas* when presented with deeds of gift, settlement or partition as when they are presented with sale deeds.

Reply of Government.—The rules provide for this already. (*Vide* Notification No. 38, dated 17th June 1887.)

SUBJECT No. 80.

Thumb impressions of executants of documents presented for registration.

Mr. B. Kesavaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Executants of documents have to affix their thumb impressions to the endorsement of admission of execution before the registering officers. Formerly, thumb impressions of literate and respectable executants known to the Sub-Registrars were not being taken. But now, all persons are requested to give their thumb impressions whether they are known personally to the Sub-Registrar or not. It is prayed that the taking of thumb impressions may be left to the option of the Sub-Registrars.

Several members speaking on this subject represented that it was derogatory to respectable persons who are literate and who happen to be known to the registering officer to be required to affix their thumb impressions to documents.

Reply of Government.—There is nothing derogatory in affixing a thumb impression. The rule is intended only for purposes of correct identification and to prevent fraud and forgery. The rule cannot be altered.

SUBJECT No. 81.

Production of registration certificates.

Mr. Suryanarayana Setty, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Chief Court have ruled it unnecessary to produce the registration certificates or affidavits before civil courts in execution cases. This rule causes only an inconvenience and does not afford any safety to parties. The old system may be revived.

Reply of Government.—This question will be investigated.